

**TWENTY-SECOND DAY - FEBRUARY 7, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****TWENTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, February 7, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Dorn.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McKeon.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-first day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 265.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
 Transportation and Telecommunications  
 Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Brandon Jones - Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
 Jeffrey D Grady - Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
 Trevor Roth - Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
 James Saville - Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
 Aaron Krebs - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Note: Rescheduled from 01-27-25

LB667

LB561

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

**REPORTS**

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

**REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 6, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler  
 Clerk of the Legislature

Andersen, Matt  
 Lincoln Electric System  
 Behrens, Mark A.  
 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company  
 CP Strategies LLC  
 Satoshi Action Fund  
 Edwards Westerhold Moore  
 Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
 Woodsonia Real Estate Inc  
 Eickholt, Christopher/Spike  
 Immersed Games  
 Forbes, Meagan  
 Institute for Justice  
 JOSH PRUETT SERVICES, LLC  
 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOBACCO OUTLETS INC  
 Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
 American Legal Finance Association  
 Independent Payroll Providers Association c/o National Strategies, LLC

Western Union  
Mueller Robak  
DailyPay, LLC  
DirecTV, LLC  
Nebraska Strategies  
CoinFlip  
Hausmann Construction  
ShiftKey, LLC  
Underdog Fantasy  
Pomerantz, Mike  
DoorDash, Inc.  
Schweska, Patrick  
Amazon.com Services LLC (Withdrawn 01/31/2025)  
Shellnutt, Tonya  
ADF Action  
Sitorius, Michelle  
Pando PEO  
Zulkoski Weber LLC  
Black Hills Energy  
Economic Development Council of Buffalo County, Inc.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 41.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

WHEREAS, the County Official of the Year is awarded to any elected or appointed county official currently holding office that has modeled leadership by example and has contributed to county government and local community activities both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, Mark Schoenrock was nominated and received the County Official of the Year at the business meeting on December 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mark led the effort to establish the Jefferson County Diversion and School Attendance programs, saving Jefferson County taxpayers thousands of dollars yearly in jail and legal costs; and

WHEREAS, Mark showcased his leadership and dedication to his position by spearheading multiple efforts to eradicate methamphetamine from the county, revising the county's personnel policies to retain a quality and connected workforce, improving veteran's services, optimizing county support services, upgrading cybersecurity efforts, and focusing on a new county website; and

WHEREAS, Mark's consistent coordination with the Nebraska Legislature, his focus on the importance of county government, and his dedication to making Jefferson County a better county has earned him well-deserved respect and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the 2023 County Official of the Year Mark Schoenrock for his dedication to Jefferson County.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mark Schoenrock.

Laid over.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB577**

Senator Dorn offered [MO30](#), found on page 416, to withdraw LB577.

The Dorn motion to withdraw prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB574**

Senator Rountree offered [MO31](#), found on page 437, to withdraw LB574.

The Rountree motion to withdraw prevailed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Murman moved the adoption of the Education Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 393:

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Connie Edmond

Robert Engles

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Ballard	Dungan	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Lonowski	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Hardin	McKinney
DeBoer	Holdcroft	Rountree

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointments were confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 398:

Public Employees Retirement Board  
Patrick Bourne

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

DeBoer      McKinney      Raybould      Riepe

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 398:

Public Employees Retirement Board  
Jacob Curtiss

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Holdcroft	McKinney	Raybould	Riepe	Rountree
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Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### **AM54**

1 1. On page 2, line 15, strike "two" and insert "five"; and in line  
2 16 strike "five hundred".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

#### **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB462:  
AM74 is available in the Bill Room.

#### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.** Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM192](#)

1 1. On page 6, lines 11 and 12, strike the new matter and reinstate  
2 the stricken matter.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM197](#)

1 1. Strike sections 4 and 5.  
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
3 accordingly.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storer
Arch	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Storm
Armendariz	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Ballard	Guereca	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Riepe	
Conrad	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders	
DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Moser

Present and not voting, 12:

Bosn	Clements	Hansen	McKinney
Cavanaugh, J.	Clouse	Hardin	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Jacobson	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 35.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** [ER2](#), found on page 412, was offered.

ER2 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered [AM141](#), found on page 418.

#### **PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.



Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 15:

Bosn	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Holdcroft	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Hunt	Raybould	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Ballard	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Holderoft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 12:

Bosn	Conrad	Hansen	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Lonowski	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Senator von Gillern offered the Bostar amendment, [AM106](#), found on page 437.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Arch	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Armendariz	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Ballard	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Meyer
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Hunt	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Placed on General File with amendment.**AM169**

- 1 1. On page 3, line 29, strike "or"; in line 30 after the semicolon  
 2 insert "or"; and after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:  
 3 "(d) A streaming service that provides only licensed media in a  
 4 continuous flow from the service, website, or application to the end user  
 5 and does not obtain a license to the media from a user or account holder  
 6 by agreement to its terms of service."  
 7 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 18 through line 31  
 8 and insert the following new subsection:  
 9 "(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,  
 10 a covered online service shall exercise reasonable care in the creation  
 11 and implementation of any covered design feature to prevent and mitigate  
 12 the following harms to minors:  
 13 (a) Consistent with evidence-informed medical information, the  
 14 following mental health disorders: Anxiety, depression, eating disorders,  
 15 substance use disorders, and suicidal behaviors;  
 16 (b) Patterns of use that indicate or encourage compulsive usages by  
 17 minors;  
 18 (c) Physical violence, cyber bullying, and discriminatory harassment  
 19 of a minor;  
 20 (d) Sexual exploitation and abuse of minors;  
 21 (e) Harms caused by the promotion and marketing of narcotic drugs,  
 22 tobacco products, gambling, or alcohol; and  
 23 (f) Financial or other harms caused by predatory, unfair, or  
 24 deceptive marketing practices."  
 25 3. On page 8, strike line 1.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB500:**AM123**

- 1 1. On page 2, line 2, strike "twenty-one" and insert "twenty-three";  
 2 strike lines 16 through 21 and insert the following new subsections:  
 3 "(g) One school board member and one school administrator each  
 4 representing a Class I school district;  
 5 (h) One school board member and one school administrator each  
 6 representing a Class II school district;  
 7 (i) One school board member and one school administrator each  
 8 representing a Class III school district;" in line 22 strike "(j)" and  
 9 insert "(j)"; in line 28 strike "(j)" and insert "(k)"; and in line 30  
 10 strike "(k)" and insert "(l)".  
 11 2. On page 3, line 10, strike "(k)" and insert "(l)"; in line 14  
 12 strike "four" and insert "six"; and strike "and (h)" and insert "through

13 (i)".

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to [LB597](#):  
[AM183](#)

1 1. Strike original section 2 and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. Section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 77-3442 (1) Property tax levies for the support of local governments  
5 for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1998, shall be limited to  
6 the amounts set forth in this section except as provided in section  
7 77-3444.

8 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (2)(b) and (2)(e) of this  
9 section, school districts and multiple-district school systems may levy a  
10 maximum levy of:

11 (i) ~~Through fiscal year 2024-25~~, one dollar and five cents per one  
12 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy;  
13 ~~and-~~

14 (ii) For fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter,  
15 ~~ninety-five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of~~  
16 ~~property subject to the levy.~~

17 (b) For each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2017-18, learning  
18 communities may levy a maximum levy for the general fund budgets of  
19 member school districts of ninety-five cents per one hundred dollars of  
20 taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The proceeds from the  
21 levy pursuant to this subdivision shall be distributed pursuant to  
22 section 79-1073.

23 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(e) of this section, for  
24 each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2017-18, school districts that are  
25 members of learning communities may levy for purposes of such districts'  
26 general fund budget and special building funds a maximum combined levy of  
27 the difference of one dollar and five cents on each one hundred dollars  
1 of taxable property subject to the levy minus the learning community levy  
2 pursuant to subdivision (2)(b) of this section for such learning  
3 community.

4 (d) Excluded from the limitations in subdivisions (2)(a) and (2)(c)  
5 of this section are (i) amounts levied to pay for current and future sums  
6 agreed to be paid by a school district to certificated employees in  
7 exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring prior to  
8 September 1, 2017, (ii) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at  
9 the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay  
10 for current and future qualified voluntary termination incentives for  
11 certificated teachers pursuant to subsection (3) of section 79-8,142 that  
12 are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d)  
13 of this section, (iii) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at  
14 the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay  
15 for seventy-five percent of the current and future sums agreed to be paid  
16 to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of  
17 employment occurring between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, as a  
18 result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on  
19 September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion  
20 pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (iv) amounts levied by a  
21 school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)  
22 (a) of this section to pay for fifty percent of the current and future  
23 sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a  
24 voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2018,  
25 and August 31, 2019, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in  
26 force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in  
27 an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (v) amounts  
28 levied by a school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to  
29 subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay for twenty-five percent of the

30 current and future sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in  
31 exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between  
1 September 1, 2019, and August 31, 2020, as a result of a collective-  
2 bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are  
3 not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of  
4 this section, (vi) amounts levied in compliance with sections 79-10,110  
5 and 79-10,110.02, and (vii) amounts levied to pay for special building  
6 funds and sinking funds established for projects commenced prior to April  
7 1, 1996, for construction, expansion, or alteration of school district  
8 buildings. For purposes of this subsection, commenced means any action  
9 taken by the school board on the record which commits the board to expend  
10 district funds in planning, constructing, or carrying out the project.

11 (e) Federal aid school districts may exceed the maximum levy  
12 prescribed by subdivision (2)(a) or (2)(c) of this section only to the  
13 extent necessary to qualify to receive federal aid pursuant to Title VIII  
14 of Public Law 103-382, as such title existed on September 1, 2001. For  
15 purposes of this subdivision, federal aid school district means any  
16 school district which receives ten percent or more of the revenue for its  
17 general fund budget from federal government sources pursuant to Title  
18 VIII of Public Law 103-382, as such title existed on September 1, 2001.

19 (f) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a maximum  
20 levy of one-half cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable property  
21 subject to the levy for elementary learning center facility leases, for  
22 remodeling of leased elementary learning center facilities, and for up to  
23 fifty percent of the estimated cost for focus school or program capital  
24 projects approved by the learning community coordinating council pursuant  
25 to section 79-2111.

26 (g) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a maximum  
27 levy of one and one-half cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable  
28 property subject to the levy for early childhood education programs for  
29 children in poverty, for elementary learning center employees, for  
30 contracts with other entities or individuals who are not employees of the  
31 learning community for elementary learning center programs and services,  
1 and for pilot projects, except that no more than ten percent of such levy  
2 may be used for elementary learning center employees.

3 (3) For each fiscal year through fiscal year 2023-24, community  
4 college areas may levy the levies provided in subdivisions (2)(a) through  
5 (c) of section 85-1517, in accordance with the provisions of such  
6 subdivisions. For fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter,  
7 community college areas may levy the levies provided in subdivisions (2)  
8 (a) and (b) of section 85-1517, in accordance with the provisions of such  
9 subdivisions. A community college area may exceed the levy provided in  
10 subdivision (2)(a) of section 85-1517 by the amount necessary to generate  
11 sufficient revenue as described in section 85-1543 or 85-2238. A  
12 community college area may exceed the levy provided in subdivision (2)(b)  
13 of section 85-1517 by the amount necessary to retire general obligation  
14 bonds assumed by the community college area or issued pursuant to section  
15 85-1515 according to the terms of such bonds or for any obligation  
16 pursuant to section 85-1535 entered into prior to January 1, 1997.

17 (4)(a) Natural resources districts may levy a maximum levy of four  
18 and one-half cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of  
19 property subject to the levy.

20 (b) Natural resources districts shall also have the power and  
21 authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar amount by which their  
22 restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water  
23 management activities and integrated management activities under the  
24 Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act exceed their  
25 restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water  
26 management activities and integrated management activities for FY2003-04,  
27 not to exceed one cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation

28 annually on all of the taxable property within the district.

29 (c) In addition, natural resources districts located in a river  
30 basin, subbasin, or reach that has been determined to be fully  
31 appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or designated as overappropriated  
1 pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources shall  
2 also have the power and authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar  
3 amount by which their restricted funds budgeted to administer and  
4 implement ground water management activities and integrated management  
5 activities under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act  
6 exceed their restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground  
7 water management activities and integrated management activities for  
8 FY2005-06, not to exceed three cents on each one hundred dollars of  
9 taxable valuation on all of the taxable property within the district for  
10 fiscal year 2006-07 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year  
11 2017-18.

12 (5) Any educational service unit authorized to levy a property tax  
13 pursuant to section 79-1225 may levy a maximum levy of one and one-half  
14 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
15 the levy.

16 (6)(a) Incorporated cities and villages which are not within the  
17 boundaries of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy of forty-five  
18 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
19 the levy plus an additional five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable  
20 valuation to provide financing for the municipality's share of revenue  
21 required under an agreement or agreements executed pursuant to the  
22 Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act. The maximum  
23 levy shall include amounts levied to pay for sums to support a library  
24 pursuant to section 51-201, museum pursuant to section 51-501, visiting  
25 community nurse, home health nurse, or home health agency pursuant to  
26 section 71-1637, or statue, memorial, or monument pursuant to section  
27 80-202.

28 (b) Incorporated cities and villages which are within the boundaries  
29 of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy of ninety cents per one  
30 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The  
31 maximum levy shall include amounts paid to a municipal county for county  
1 services, amounts levied to pay for sums to support a library pursuant to  
2 section 51-201, a museum pursuant to section 51-501, a visiting community  
3 nurse, home health nurse, or home health agency pursuant to section  
4 71-1637, or a statue, memorial, or monument pursuant to section 80-202.

5 (7) Sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence  
6 for more than five years may levy a maximum levy of forty cents per one  
7 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy, and  
8 sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence for five  
9 years or less shall not have a maximum levy. Unconsolidated sanitary and  
10 improvement districts which have been in existence for more than five  
11 years and are located in a municipal county may levy a maximum of eighty-  
12 five cents per hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject  
13 to the levy.

14 (8) Counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of fifty cents per  
15 one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy,  
16 except that five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of  
17 property subject to the levy may only be levied to provide financing for  
18 the county's share of revenue required under an agreement or agreements  
19 executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public  
20 Agency Act. The maximum levy shall include amounts levied to pay for sums  
21 to support a library pursuant to section 51-201 or museum pursuant to  
22 section 51-501. The county may allocate up to fifteen cents of its  
23 authority to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of  
24 property tax authority under subsection (1) of section 77-3443 and not  
25 specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by law

26 which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of  
27 taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property. The county  
28 may allocate to one or more other political subdivisions subject to  
29 allocation of property tax authority by the county under subsection (1)  
30 of section 77-3443 some or all of the county's five cents per one hundred  
31 dollars of valuation authorized for support of an agreement or agreements  
1 to be levied by the political subdivision for the purpose of supporting  
2 that political subdivision's share of revenue required under an agreement  
3 or agreements executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the  
4 Joint Public Agency Act. If an allocation by a county would cause another  
5 county to exceed its levy authority under this section, the second county  
6 may exceed the levy authority in order to levy the amount allocated.  
7 (9) Municipal counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of one  
8 dollar per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject  
9 to the levy. The municipal county may allocate levy authority to any  
10 political subdivision or entity subject to allocation under section  
11 77-3443.  
12 (10) Beginning July 1, 2016, rural and suburban fire protection  
13 districts may levy a maximum levy of ten and one-half cents per one  
14 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy if  
15 (a) such district is located in a county that had a levy pursuant to  
16 subsection (8) of this section in the previous year of at least forty  
17 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
18 the levy or (b) such district had a levy request pursuant to section  
19 77-3443 in any of the three previous years and the county board of the  
20 county in which the greatest portion of the valuation of such district is  
21 located did not authorize any levy authority to such district in such  
22 year.  
23 (11) A regional metropolitan transit authority may levy a maximum  
24 levy of ten cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of  
25 property subject to the levy for each fiscal year that commences on the  
26 January 1 that follows the effective date of the conversion of the  
27 transit authority established under the Transit Authority Law into the  
28 regional metropolitan transit authority.  
29 (12) Property tax levies (a) for judgments, except judgments or  
30 orders from the Commission of Industrial Relations, obtained against a  
31 political subdivision which require or obligate a political subdivision  
1 to pay such judgment, to the extent such judgment is not paid by  
2 liability insurance coverage of a political subdivision, (b) for  
3 preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to July 1, 1998, (c)  
4 for bonds as defined in section 10-134 approved according to law and  
5 secured by a levy on property except as provided in section 44-4317 for  
6 bonded indebtedness issued by educational service units and school  
7 districts, (d) for payments by a public airport to retire interest-free  
8 loans from the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of  
9 Transportation in lieu of bonded indebtedness at a lower cost to the  
10 public airport, and (e) to pay for cancer benefits provided on or after  
11 January 1, 2022, pursuant to the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act are not  
12 included in the levy limits established by this section.  
13 (13) The limitations on tax levies provided in this section are to  
14 include all other general or special levies provided by law.  
15 Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the only exceptions to the  
16 limits in this section are those provided by or authorized by sections  
17 77-3442 to 77-3444.  
18 (14) Tax levies in excess of the limitations in this section shall  
19 be considered unauthorized levies under section 77-1606 unless approved  
20 under section 77-3444.  
21 (15) For purposes of sections 77-3442 to 77-3444, political  
22 subdivision means a political subdivision of this state and a county  
23 agricultural society.

24 (16) For school districts that file a binding resolution on or  
25 before May 9, 2008, with the county assessors, county clerks, and county  
26 treasurers for all counties in which the school district has territory  
27 pursuant to subsection (7) of section 79-458, if the combined levies,  
28 except levies for bonded indebtedness approved by the voters of the  
29 school district and levies for the refinancing of such bonded  
30 indebtedness, are in excess of the greater of (a) one dollar and twenty  
31 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
1 the levy or (b) the maximum levy authorized by a vote pursuant to section  
2 77-3444, all school district levies, except levies for bonded  
3 indebtedness approved by the voters of the school district and levies for  
4 the refinancing of such bonded indebtedness, shall be considered  
5 unauthorized levies under section 77-1606.  
6 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
7 accordingly.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

LB380  
LB381  
LB610  
LB365  
LB603

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

LB379  
LB656  
LB486  
LB463  
LB446

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025

LB454  
LB255  
LB275  
LB553

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Hardin offered [AM179](#), found on page 436.



Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA17](#)

In AM179, on page 1, line 15, strike "pharmacy" and insert "pharmacist".

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Hardin amendment, AM179, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

#### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to [LB160](#):

[AM189](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM124)

1 1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:

2 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

3 sections:

4 Section 1. Section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

5 is amended to read:

6 71-216.01 (1) An applicant who fails to pass the barber examination

7 may take the examination a second time when the examination is offered by

8 the board without being required to take any further course of study. If

9 an applicant fails the examination a second time, the applicant shall be

10 required to complete a further course of study in barbering, consisting

11 of five hundred hours with not more than ten hours completed in any one

12 working day in a school of barbering prior to further examination.

13 (2) An applicant may be given an opportunity to demonstrate

14 proficiency to waive the remainder of the course of study after

15 completion of two hundred fifty hours with the approval of the board. If

16 such applicant fails the examination after being given such opportunity,

17 the applicant shall complete the remaining two hundred fifty hours before

18 such applicant shall be permitted to take the examination a fourth time.

19 A graduate from a school of barbering who fails to pass a

20 satisfactory examination may take the examination next time that the

21 examination is given by the Board of Barber Examiners without being

22 required to take any further course of study. Should the applicant fail

23 the examination a second time, the applicant shall be required to

24 complete a further course of study of not less than five hundred hours to

25 be completed within three months of not more than ten hours in any one

26 working day in a school of barbering approved by the Board of Barber

- 1 Examiners before the applicant may be permitted to take the examination a
- 2 ~~third time.~~
- 3 Sec. 2. Original section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is repealed.

### **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Prokop name added to LB421.  
Senator Dorn name added to LB468.  
Senator Andersen name added to LB468.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB485.  
Senator Murman name added to LB561.  
Senator Lonowski name added to LB693.  
Senator Clouse name added to LB693.

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Sandy Creek High School, Fairfield; Trippe Bracco, Edgar; Lorie Meyer, Pender; Linda Prinz, West Point; students and teacher from Bryan High School, Omaha; students with Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association; Keston Rubek, Creighton.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Snowleopard Tyler, Omaha.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Brandt, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature